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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. OFFICIAL CONTACT: AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S FORTY-FIVE MINUTE
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EANES ON AUGUST 18 WAS REPORTED BY
AUGUST 18 AFTERNOON AND AUGUST 19 MORNING PRESS.
COVERAGE WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND BRIEF.

2. VOICE OF AMERICA: AUGUST 19 "O SECULO" AND "O DIA"
CARRIED USIS DENIAL OF MISTAKEN PORTUGUESE NEWS AGENCY
(ANOP) REPORT THAT VOICE OF AMERICA PLANS TO OPEN
TRANSMITTING STATION IN PORTUGAL. ORIGINAL
REPORT APPEARED IN AUGUST 18 "O SECULO."

3. NORTH KOREAN ATTACK: NORTH KOREAN MURDER OF TWO
U.S. OFFICERS AND WOUNDING OF NINE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREAN
ENLISTED MEN IN PANMUNJOM WAS REPORTED BY AUGUST 19
"O SECULO" ALONE AMONG MORNING PRESS. HEADLINE:
"NORTH KOREANS ATTACK AND KILL BY AXE BLOWS".
STORY INCLUDED PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
REACTIONS AND WARNINGS. LATE-BREAKING NATURE OF EVENT
UNDoubtedly PREVENTED WIDER MORNING PRESS COVERAGE.

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4. REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: CONVENTION COVERAGE

SPECULATED ON FORD'S GROWING CHANCES FOR VICTORY IN LIGHT OF MOUNTING REAGAN "MISSTEPS," WHICH INCLUDED SCHWEIKER OFFER TO RESIGN AND FAILURE TO OBTAIN MANDATORY DISCLOSURE BY FORD OF HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE.

5. COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: RISING DISCORD AMONG NON-ALIGNED WAS MAIN FOCUS OF AUGUST 19 PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. PRINCIPAL MANIFESTATIONS: LIBYA PRESIDENT QADHAFI'S DECLARATION THAT SOME OF THE SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED WERE IN REALITY "TROJAN HORSES" AND CUBA VICE PRIME MINISTER RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ'S CHARGE THAT "NON-ALIGNMENT" WAS A DISGUISE USED BY SOME NATIONS WHO IN FACT "SERVED IMPERIALISM AND OPPRESSED THEIR OWN PEOPLE." CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY WAS ACCORDED TO RODRIGUEZ'S PAEAN TO SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. ALSO NOTED: PERU CHANCELLOR JOSE DE LA FUENTE'S CALL FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF POLITICAL SLOGANS IN FAVOR OF "RESPONSIBLE SOLIDARITY."

6. U.S. FILMS IN SWEDEN: AUGUST 19 "O DIA", NORMALLY A MODERATE PAPER, WROTE THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING THE REPORTED THREAT BY FIVE U.S. FILM DISTRIBUTORS TO CUT OFF SUPPLY OF AMERICAN FILMS TO SWEDEN UNLESS THEY WERE GRANTED AN ADDITIONAL TEN PER CENT OF BOX OFFICE RECEIPTS: "OBVIOUSLY, (IT IS) A CLEAR-CUT AND SHAMELESS EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS CALLED 'IMPERIALISM'. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHEN PORTUGAL'S TURN WILL COME..."
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